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Gilbert, County Partner on Recreational Use of Chandler Heights Basin

PHOENIX, Ariz. (May 21, 2015) – In the next few years, Gilbert residents and businesses will enjoy recreational use of the Chandler Heights Basin thanks to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Flood Control District of Maricopa County and the Town of Gilbert. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the IGA that allows Gilbert to implement and maintain a multi-use and recreational area within the District's Chandler Heights Basin, located south of Queen Creek Road and west of Higley Road.

"This collaboration between the Town of Gilbert and the Flood Control District is an excellent example of how infrastructure projects can benefit the community in multiple ways," Maricopa County District 1 Supervisor Denny Barney said. "In addition to protecting residents from flooding, the site will provide an outstanding recreational site for the community."

Town of Gilbert Mayor John Lewis agrees that the improvements will benefit local residents. "Gilbert appreciates our partnership with Maricopa County on this multi-use facility," Mayor Lewis said. "Along with protecting citizens from flooding, the Chandler Heights Basin will create a destination for our residents to play for years to come."

"The Flood Control District's goal, in addition to providing flood protection, is to bring communities together," Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Flood Control District Bill Wiley said. "The Chandler Heights Basin is an excellent example of how flood structures can benefit the neighborhood year round. We plan to do more of these developments around the county."

The District acquired the land rights for the Chandler Heights Basin for construction of a basin that captures flows from Queen Creek Wash and Sonoqui Wash. The basin is a component of the East Maricopa Floodway Capacity Mitigation and Multi-Use Corridor Study.

Construction for the basin has already started and is expected to be completed in the next five years. For more information, call the Flood Control District at (602) 506-1501.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County serves county residents to reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains.

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